दुनिया के किसी भी देश में अभी तक नहीं बन पाई है। निरन्तर प्रयास चल रहा है, हमारे देश में भी प्रयास चल रहा है। हम इसको चलाते रहेंगे ताकि हम इसके ऊपर रोक लगा सकें।

श्री सी० एम० इब्राहीम : सर, कंपनी के मर्जर के बारे में मैंने सवाल पूछा था? ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री यशवंत सिंहा : हां, वह सेबी है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is a Short Duration discussion on this issue. Now, we will go to the next question, question No. 24, Shri Gaya Singh. We will take up Question No. 36 also alongwith it.

Suspension of MD, AIR India

$*24. SHRI GAYA SINGH:†
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Managing Director of Air India was suspended from his job; and

(b) if *so,* the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A report was forwarded by the then acting Chief Vigilance Officer, Air India Limited on 18.10.2000 regarding misuse of official position by senior officers of Commercial Department, Air India including Shri M.P. Mascarenhas, Managing Director, Air India by showing undue favours to M/s. Welcome Travels ex-General Sales Agent (GSA), U.K. The

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† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Gaya Singh.

$ Question Nos. 24 and 36 were taken together.

allegations were inquired into by the Chief Vigilance Officer of the Ministry of Civil Aviation. This inquiry *prima facie* established that Shri M.P. Mascarenhas, Managing Director, Air India Limited (AIL), in concert with some officers of Air India Limited has committed misconduct by, *inter-alia,* misusing his official position for showing unwarranted favours to Ms Welcome Travels, ex-GSA, UK by restructuring Productivity Linked Incentives (PLI) to the wrongful advantage of the ex-GSA and to the detriment of the interests of AIL for the period 1992-93 and 1997-98, which resulted in wrongful gain to Mfc Welcome Travels and corresponding wrongful loss to AIL to the extent of more than Rs. 2.79 crores. Since it was apprehended that his continuance in office is likely to hamper a fair and impartial investigation and disciplinary proceedings, Shri Mascarenhas was placed under suspension by the competent authority by order dated 22.5.2001

A detailed report was sent to Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on 23.5.2001. The CVC have also been requested on 12.6.2001 for first stage advice.

A reference in this regard was made to Central bureau of Investigation on 22.5.2001 who have registered a preliminary enquiry (PE) on 7th June, 2001.

Shri Mascarenhas has since then filed a writ petition on 13th June, 2001 in Mumbai High Court in this matter and, therefore, at present the matter is *sub-judice.*